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16 October 1950

TO: ARSO
FROM: FCM
SUBJECT: Jaroslav Stacks
REFERENCE: Letter from Jaroslav Stacks to the Director dated
25 August 1950

1. In accordance with your request, we are submitting the following brief background information on subject and recommendations concerning an approach to him.

2. Stacks was born January 19, 1912 in Tarnopol. He is a well-known leader of the OUN (Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists) and has been serving as president of the ANU (Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations) organization since early 1949. The latter organization is known to be a frontpiece for and largely under the control of the OUN/Bandera.

3. Subject has been living in England during the past year, where he has made apparently unsuccessful attempts to solicit British financial and other assistance for the ANU and particularly for OUN/Bandera. He has made several appeals to United States authorities in behalf of OUN/Bandera since the end of the war in an attempt to obtain assistance in developing extensive intelligence and resistance operations into the Ukrainian SSR. Arrangements have already been made whereby subject will soon be debriefed by a representative of our British Operations Base in an attempt to have him prove his allegations, i.e., that OUN/Bandera maintains W/T and courier communications with the Ukrainian underground.

4. In view of the foregoing and in line with United States policy to give passive support to bona fide anti-Communist emigre organizations, we recommend that the Director inform Stacks that he has no objections to Stacks's visit to this country. This would further afford us an opportunity to cover the conference he plans to hold in the United States and thereby learn additional details about ANU political aims and connections with OUN/Bandera. We further

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recommended that the Director further Studies to reveal his skills in this country, at which time appropriate representatives of OSI (and OSI 7) would be present. In the final attempt to discuss and consult with him the capabilities of OSI/branches for conducting investigations and reconnaissance operations inside the Russian, such a meeting could possibly also serve as a suitable occasion to arrange direct discussions with leaders in Germany. In the final analysis, however, OSI probably decides what operational information can be given to the American I, O, in return for continuous funds will undoubtedly seek while here.

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